

Weekly WIC Newsletter

June 26, 2017

State Office Closed

The state office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

State WIC Job Announcement

The Montana WIC Program is seeking a Health Education Specialist to work as part of our team. This position will primarily support grocery stores and local WIC agencies on the program, and will assist with the transition to the eWIC card as well as work on other program administration duties. Please share this position announcement with any relevant individuals or networks and help us recruit a strong group of applicants. Please contact Kevin if you have any questions about the position.

Annual Civil Rights Training

As a reminder, the annual civil rights training is due August 31st. All WIC staff must login into E-Learn and click on the civil rights training module. You will not have to submit the sign in form to the state office; this will be tracked electronically going forward.

If you have any questions please let the state office know. Thanks!

July Time Study

July is another Time Study month. Please start recording your hours worked beginning Monday, July 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly at 444-0909.

CEU Opportunity

Thursday June 29th, Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute and the University Of Washington Center Of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health welcome Lactation Consultant Camie Goldhammer to discuss how communities of color, especially Native American communities, are reclaiming breastfeeding as an indigenous food source. <u>Register</u> now, if you are interested in attending.

Two Pager Food List Update

Publications and graphics is expecting to ship out at the end of this week the two-pager <u>Food List</u> with the begin date of September 14, 2017. As a reminder, if you are issuing September benefits, you will need to print and handout the food list until your supply arrives.

DPHHS Job Openings

The state DPHHS has two other openings that may be of interest to you or someone you know. Click here for an RN position in Children's Special Health Services, and here for the Young Child Wellness Expert Position in the Early Childhood Services Bureau.

2017 Educational Buys

The deadline for Educational Buy completion is rapidly approaching, <u>7/31/17</u>. It is encouraged that you schedule your visits with retailers as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. It is important to remind retailers what the purpose of the visit is and the expectations from both the State and Local offices. Please contact <u>Glade</u> for benefits or should you have any other questions at 444-2841.

Registration for the Great Beginnings, Great Families Conference

The conference will be held August 16th and 17th in Helena. Please check out their <u>website</u> for more information and click <u>here</u> to register. If you register before August 1, 2017, it will be at a reduced rate of \$100 per person, after August 1, 2017, the fee will \$125 per person.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

<u>Risk Code 427</u> Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Women is defined as routine nutrition practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: a pregnant woman who takes in less than 27 mg a day of iron as a supplement; a non-pregnant woman who consumes less than 400 mcg of folic acid from fortified foods and/or supplements daily; a pregnant woman who eats hot dogs, luncheon meats, etc. unless reheated until steaming hot; a pregnant woman who eats soft cheeses such as feta, brie, blue veined cheeses, etc.; a pregnant woman eating raw or undercooked eggs or foods containing raw or lightly cooked eggs.... any many more! Please review the attached guidance for more details and justification.

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